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YEE-HAW! A "Holiday Hoedown" at Elk Point Elementary School has students celebrating the season in downhome country-western style.



Concerts celebrate Christmas season

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County of St. Paul Div. 2 Coun. Dwight Dach, RCMP Cst. John Spaans and Corp. Kevin McGillivray visited Santa at the F. G. Miller High School Christmas brunch. Were the officers helping out with Santa's naughty-or-nice list?

By Cst. JOHN SPAANS Elk Point RCMP Detachment

On Dec. 11 at 10:30 p.m., Elk Point RCMP received a complaint of a suspected domestic assault taking place in the lobby of a local apartment complex. When members arrived on scene, the suspect male and victim were not located. While members were investigating the assault, the suspect male returned to the scene in his vehicle. When members approached the male, he was found to be under the influence of alcohol. The male was arrested for assault and impaired driving. It is alleged that the male pushed and held the female victim during an argument. When a witness intervened, the suspect left the building in his vehicle. The female victim was located and was uninjured.

Assault leads to impaired driving charge

The 21-year-old Frog Lake male has been charged with assault, impaired operation of a motor vehicle and failing to comply with release conditions. The suspect has been remanded into custody.

Assaults

At 6 p.m. on Dec. 14, Elk Point RCMP received a complaint regarding an assault in Fishing Lake. The complainant told police that she had been assaulted by another female while at a public building in Fishing Lake. It is alleged that the complainant had confronted the female regarding money. At this point, a fight broke out. Both of the females engaged in the fight and have accused the other of being the aggressor. Both of the females are 41 years old and have each been charged with assault. They are currently on conditions not to contact each other.

On Dec. 14 at 5:45 p.m., RCMP were called to an assault taking place at a residence in Fishing Lake. It is alleged that a male and female were arguing about transportation to Cold Lake. When the argument became heated, the male suspect held the female victim to the ground and threatened her. The assault is said to have lasted for a short period of time before the male left the residence. The female victim was not injured during the occurrence. The male suspect was located the following day. The 40-year-old male has been charged with assault and uttering threats. He has been released on cash bail with strict conditions.

Break and enter

For the second time in as many weeks, Elk Point RCMP investigated a break and enter at Slinger's Pub. On Dec. 14, the bar was found to have been entered through a broken window. Suspects made off with a small amount of money along with liquor. Forensic evidence was gathered and investigation is ongoing. If anyone has information regarding the break-ins at

the bar, they are encouraged to contact the Elk Point RCMP or call Crime Stoppers.

Collision

On Dec. 12 at 3 a.m., Elk Point RCMP was called to a single vehicle collision on 51 St. in Elk Point. The caller said she was the driver of the car when she lost control and struck a tree. Following the collision, she walked home and called the police. The time between the collision and the call was approximately one hour, during which time the female says she drank almost a dozen beer. Members attended the collision scene and found the vehicle abandoned and damaged in the middle of the road. The 38-year-old Elk Point female was uninjured and was issued a violation ticket for leaving the scene of a collision.

Impaired driving

On Dec. 10 at 2:45 p.m., a call was received regarding a suspected impaired driver in the area of Elk Point. Members conducted patrols and located the suspected vehicle on Highway 41. The male driver was found to be under the influence of alcohol and was arrested for impaired driving. Subsequent breath tests found the 39-year-old male with a blood alcohol content over twice the legal limit. The Kehewin resident has been charged with impaired driving and operating a motor vehicle with a blood alcohol over 80 mg per cent.

Judging delayed

Last Wednesday's snow storm made it necessary for the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce to postpone the judging of Christmas lights until this week.

Be sure to check out next week's issue of the *Elk Point Review* for the winners.



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New, revised bylaws wrapped up in time for Christmas

By VICKI BRROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point Town Council tied up three new or revised bylaws with their final readings at the final regular meeting of the year last week.

The revised Off-Highway Vehicles bylaw prohibits the use of OHVs in town limits between 11 p.m. and 9 a.m. and sets the speed limit at 20 kmh. The previous 1996 bylaw made it mandatory to wear an approved helmet while operating or riding on an OHV in town limits, but since this is not required under provincial law, council agreed it was not feasible to require the use of helmets while in town.

The revised Noise bylaw includes the definition of what is considered a noise.

The only new bylaw of the trio regards the closure of a 10-foot-wide by 60-foot-long slice of undeveloped road allowance that gives the owners of an adjacent property sufficient room to construct a garage.

This bylaw, dating back to April, has now received approval from the Minister of Transportation and was given its final two readings.

A revised version of the Council Procedure bylaw was also brought to council, who agreed to table it for review.

Waste disposal

The town's residential waste collection providers have announced that their service will be terminated on Feb. 22. The company had contacted the town in July, suggesting a change to year-round front pickup and that residents use the carts for mechanized pickup, however this idea drew negative response from residents, some disliking the extra cost and others the difficulty that seniors might have in wheeling out heavy carts after a snowfall.

The town is now considering two alternatives: find another provider or purchase and operate a garbage truck.

"If we want to continue to provide service at the current level, we may have to do it ourselves," Coun. Eugene Buck commented. The matter will be discussed further at the upcoming public works meeting.

Water treatment

Town manager Myron Goyan advised council that he has written to ask for a two-year extension of the deadline for upgrading the water treatment plant as the town is now in negotiations to become part of a regional water system. Coun. Ron Fraess later reported "a lot of interesting information" he had gathered at a recent regional water system meeting.

Granting wishes

Santa is not the only one who gets requests at this time of year. Council faced a big stack of applications from local groups hoping for financial aid from the town and county joint operating grant and from the

operating portion of the town's municipal sustainability infrastructure (MSI) grant. Council went through the stack, deciding which grant would be the best fit for each. The town has \$134,000 available in the MSI kitty and \$44,000 in the joint operating grant pool.

County property

Coun. Dwayne Yaremkevich asked that the County of St. Paul property along the road allowance north of the golf course be put on the agenda for an upcoming joint town and country meeting. The property is being considered for a walking trail to the recreation land from the elevator loop. Goyan indicated that the town's engineers have staked out the route.

County debates park trailers' safety

By SHAUNA BURKE
Review Contributor

Marshall Krawchuk, owner of three trailers at Sun Country Mobile Home Park, came to County of St. Paul council to discuss concerns about a letter he received from the county regarding the removal of his trailers.

Krawchuk said he had received a letter to improve the properties, and spent \$20,000 to do so. "Now you say to move them off the property," he said.

Steve Upham, reeve for the County of St. Paul, said in an interview after the council meeting that the trailers are being rented out and were inspected by Alberta Health and deemed not fit to inhabit.

"It is our responsibility as a municipality to enforce the legislation," said Upham, adding that if Krawchuk can provide documentation from Alberta Health indicating that the trailers are up to code and not presenting a threat to the health of the renters, then the County of St. Paul will not remove them.

The County of St. Paul sent an initial letter on Aug. 20 and then on Nov. 3, a letter was sent from the county's lawyers, giving Krawchuk 14 days to take the steps to bring the trailers into compliance.

"When the letter was sent out on Aug. 20, Mr. Krawchuk, you had 14 days to contact the county," said County of St. Paul CAO Sheila Kitz.

Krawchuk said he was sick at the time and could not respond to the letter. He added that the health unit has visited the trailers many times and he thought that the health unit staff would be the ones to make the decision on the safety of the trailers.

"I put new roofs and new wiring. We got rid of the mould and put new walls," said Krawchuk.

"The next step in the process would be to bring back certification from the government that these trailers are fit for human habitation," Upham told Krawchuk.

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Have a special solstice!

In the vein of political correctness, it may not be appropriate to convey the traditional greetings of the season. After all, everything from schools to shopping malls is edging toward 'holiday' greetings and celebrations, in spite of the trees and tinsel to the contrary.

But here's a word, and an event, that everyone in every pinpoint on the earth can celebrate: today's the Solstice - the winter solstice in the Northern Hemisphere, signalling the long-awaited point when the days will start to get longer, rather than shrinking until the sun barely bothers getting up at all, and in the Southern Hemisphere, the arrival of summer. The official time of the solstice is 23:38 tonight (11:38 p.m. in layman's language).

This year's winter solstice is a very special one, coinciding with a total eclipse of the full moon, an event that last happened 456 or 372 years ago, depending on which Google source you believe. NASA says 372, the Montreal Gazette says 456. Either way, it's a once-in-many-generations occurrence.

May the re-emerged moon smile on your celebrations! Have a super solstice, and a safe, happy holiday weekend.

WAY BACK WHEN...

Unicorn, 100th dance, new era

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 21 IN....

1985

Santa had a busy day in Elk Point, visiting the Lioness Brunch, the Elks Lodge's free movie and Stedmans, while shoppers enjoyed a similar hectic pace. The second volume of poetry by local writer Irene Magnusson, entitled "I Saw a Unicorn," was fresh off the press just in time for Christmas giving.

1990

Town council met for a second time with a delegation from the Pioneer Circle regarding the group's request to get title to their hall, and later in the meeting agreed to "work favourably toward complying with the request." Council also accomplished what was considered and amazing feat, passing their 1991 operating budget on Dec. 10.

1995

Alberta Teachers' Association president Bauni McKay visited Elk Point Elementary School, where Mrs. Buryn's Grade 1B class told her their plans for helping their families to have a merry Christmas. A truly remarkable lady, Grace Franks was given her wish to "dance on the table," although a much-lowered version, on her 100th birthday.

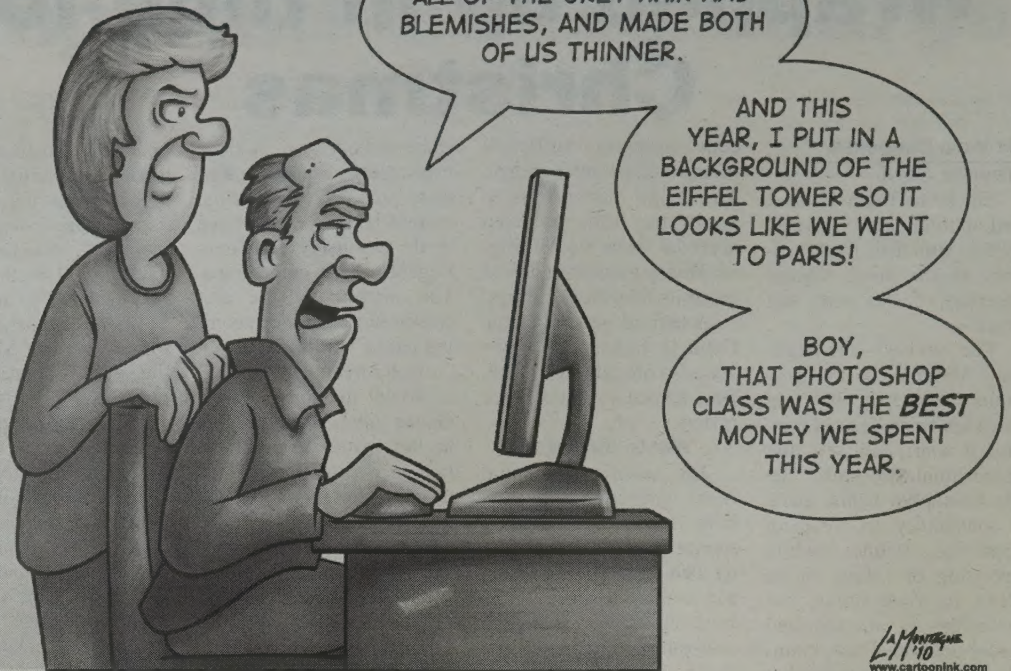
2000

Great West Newspapers Ltd. of St. Albert announced they would close a deal Dec. 31 to acquire the assets of Team Graphics Inc., including the St. Paul Journal and the Elk Point Review, bringing an end to more than 50 years of Drouin family involvement with the Journal. Anadime Processing and Disposal displayed plans for a produced sand repository at an open house in Ferguson Flats.

2005

Both the Town of Elk Point and Elk Point Municipal Library would see their Northern Lights Library System membership fees increase by 16 cents per capita to help defray the ever-rising cost of providing services. Enbridge Inc. held an open house to unveil plans for a pipeline pumping station six miles east of Northern Valley that would increase the capacity of their 540 km pipeline from Fort McMurray to Hardisty.

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Silent Night

It was Christmas Eve in the Austrian Alps. At the newly constructed Church of St. Nicholas in Oberndorf, a Tyrol village near Salzburg, Father Joseph Mohr prepared for the midnight service. He was distraught because the church organ was broken, ruining prospects for that evening's careful planned music. But Father Joseph was about to learn that our problems are God's opportunities, that the Lord causes all things to work together for good to those who love Him. It came into Father Joseph's mind to write a new song, one that could be sung without the organ. Hastily, he wrote the words, "Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright..." Taking the text to his organist, Franz Gruber, he explained the situation and asked Franz to compose a simple tune.

That night, December 24, 1818, "Silent Night" was sung for the first time as a duet accompanied by a guitar at the aptly named Church of St. Nicholas in Oberndorf.

Shortly afterward, as Karl Mauracher came to repair the organ, he heard about the near-disaster on Christmas Eve. Acquiring a copy of the text and tune, he spread the hymn throughout the Alpine region of Austria, referring to it as "Tiroler Volkslied."

The song came to the attention of the Strasser family, makers of fine chamois-skin gloves. To drum up business at various fairs and festivals, the four Strasser children would sing in front of their parents' booth. Like the Von Trapp children a century later, they became popular folk singers throughout the Alps.

When the children - Caroline, Joseph, Andreas, and Amalie - began singing "Tiroler Volkslied" at their performances, audiences were charmed. It seemed perfect for the

snow-clad region and perfect for the Christian heart. "Silent Night" even came to the attention of the king and queen, and the Strasser children were asked to give a royal performance, assuring the carol's fame.

"Silent Night" was first published for congregational singing in 1838 in the German hymnbook *Katholisches Gesang- und Gebetbuch für den öffentlichen und hauslichen Gottesdienst zunächst zum Gebrauche der katholischen Gemeinden im Königreiche Sachsen*. It was used in America by German-speaking congregations, then appeared in its current English form in a book of Sunday school songs in 1863. Were it not for a broken organ, there never would have been a "Silent Night."

With Christmas Eve coming this Saturday, hopefully you will have an opportunity to sing or hear this beautiful Christmas song that was first sung on Christmas Eve in the Church of St. Nicholas in Oberndorf.

Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright.

Round yon virgin mother and child;

Holy infant, so tender and mild.

Sleep in heavenly peace; Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight.

Glories stream from heaven afar,

Heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia."

Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born."

Silent night, holy night, Wondrous star lend thy light.

With the angels, let us sing, Alleluia to our King.

Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born.

Silent Night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light.

Radiant beams from Thy holy face,

With the dawn of redeeming grace.

Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth; Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

From the music of Silent Night we really do learn the summary of Christ's birth and the purpose of Christ coming to earth. Therefore at this Christmas time, let us remember to be grateful for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. His birth reminds us of everything He gave us. So really our Christmas gifts are coming from Him. Therefore our thanks need to go to Him at this time.



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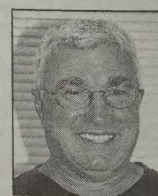
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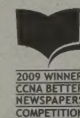
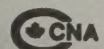
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Zoobilee, hoedown delight Elk Point Elementary concert crowds

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

The weather outside may have been frightful last Wednesday, but as Elk Point Elementary School principal Lorne Young quipped, "the crowd and the cast are delightful," as he welcomed a near-capacity crowd to the first of the week's two concerts.

Brody Odgaard and Morgan Evans were MCs for the concert, and Taylor Pankiw and Siobhan Richer led the singing of O Canada.

The ECS A class recited a delightful poem, "Way Up High," and continued their holiday preparations with an action song that saw them hanging tinsel, shaking presents and baking up a storm in "What Shall We Do On Christmas Eve?"

School board chair Darrell Youngmans marveled at the crowd on hand, which impressed him even after attending 10 years of EPE concerts, noting that it "shows your commitment to these kids by lining up hours beforehand to fill this gym." He noted that in earlier years, he could watch his children's excitement building in the days before Christmas, "and it was catching. Now that they are grown ... there is still excitement around the season but the innocence that added to it is gone. My advice to you is enjoy the next couple of weeks with your young children... You can't always do tomorrow what you should have done today."

Then it was on with the show, "Holiday Zoobilee."

The cages were decked with tinsel and all was ready for the holiday season at the zoo, but the zookeeper was not happy - the animals must be fed, so he had to work through the holidays. A flock of penguins that make up Mrs. Lindquist and Miss Ockerman's Grade 3A class the rest of the year waddled in to tell his sad story in song before a monkey lets all the

other animals (Mrs. Roche's Grade 5A and Ms Piquette's Grade 6A) out of their cages so they can hold a meeting to discuss the situation. The elephant was leading the discussion, until he forgot what the meeting was about; however, everyone had ideas for cheering up the zookeeper.

A troop of monkeys (Mrs. Buryn's 1A) bounced in to make him smile with their antics, but that didn't work. Fine-feathered birds (Miss Grabas' 4A), notorious for tiny appetites, suggested everyone skip a meal so he could go home, but the owl was wiser than that, and suggested they make beautiful music together. The giraffe offered a different perspective and all agreed that a cheerful holiday song couldn't hurt. The elephant forgot more words than he remembered, but the rest all chimed in to add some very interesting words - in various animal languages - to fill the gaps. The friendly beasts (Mrs. Jenner's 2A) that visited the stable where Jesus was born reminded everyone of the reason for the season.

The gifts the donkeys, sheep, cow and doves gave the baby Jesus reminded the animals that maybe they should be giving the zookeeper some sort of present, so the birds flocked together to create a magnificent feathered hat, the cats came up with a fur coat, the seals flipped onstage with a pair of shiny boots and the zebra tied the whole ensemble together with a fancy striped belt. This showing of appreciation finally got a

smile out of the zookeeper, who decided spending Christmas with his furry/feathered friends might not be so bad after all, and joined them in the show's final song.

Part Two

The weather had improved and the crowd was possibly even larger for Thursday's concert, emceed by Tanner Wood and Travis Scarfe and started off with O Canada by Kristy Krawchuk and Savannah Lawrence.

The ECS B class charmed the crowd with a very different rendition of "Joy to the World" and a song highlighting the various aspects of "Christmastime."

Principal Young again praised the community's support, while school board chair Youngmans introduced Superintendent of Schools Glen Brodziak and thanked the crowd for coming out and "watching all these young faces light up as they recognize someone special in the crowd."

The feature presentation, "Santa's Holiday Hoedown," told of a big problem at the North Pole and how everyone pitched in to remedy the situation.

The toyshop, staffed by Mrs. Vinge and Mr. Bilak's 5Bs and Mrs. Holotoa's 6Bs, was going under, because the interest on Santa's GICs had tanked, and if the elves wanted to keep their jobs, they'd have to find a way to cover the costs. If there's no money coming in, there would be no presents. A bake sale or selling chocolate or kobassa just wouldn't



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raise enough, and that got the elves in their achy, breaky hearts. They'd all heard of the big money to be made from jamborees at a place called Camrose, and thought they'd give that a try, but they had a problem: who would headline it?

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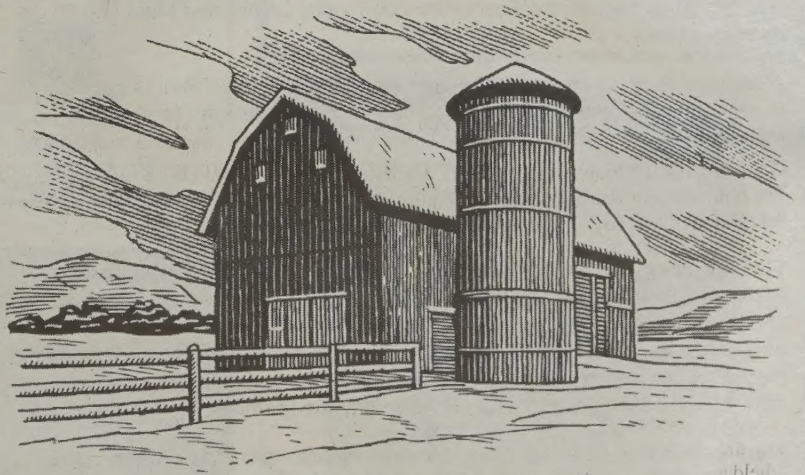
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No. 19

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HIGHLIGHTS

December 14, 2010 Council Meeting

St. Paul Airport Operating Agreement – Council approved The St. Paul Airport Operating Agreement between the Town and County.

Regional Assessment Review Board (ARB) Agreement – Council approved an amendment to the ARB Agreement with the Town of St. Paul, the Town of Elk Point and the Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay. This agreement is for the creation of a joint Regional Assessment Review Board to deal with all the property assessment complaints within those municipalities.

Inter Municipal Development Plan – Council gave first reading to Bylaw No. 1563, which is the Inter Municipal Development Plan for the Town of St. Paul and County of St. Paul. After several joint meetings, the Councils have agreed that it is time to present the Revised IDP to the public for their input. A Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, January 5, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Paul Legion Hall. A copy of the IDP can be viewed on the County website or is available for pickup at the County Office.

Bylaws – Council approved Bylaw No. 1561 to fund short term borrowings for the Master Card and Bylaw No. 1562 to fund the short term operations of the County. These Bylaws are approved annually.

Public Works Meeting – The December Public Works Meeting has been rescheduled to January 5, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.

Sale of Land by Krider Road – Before the Krider Road was rebuilt, the County purchased land from a ratepayer to accommodate the alignment of the new road. Council has now agreed to sell the excess land to the adjacent landowners as it is no longer required by the County and if the County retains the property, it will require regular maintenance and mowing.

Evergreen Regional Waste Management Services Commission Rate Increase – The ERWMS has increased the regional tippage fee by \$5.00 per tonne effective January 1, 2011 in anticipation of setting aside adequate reserves for cell replacement.

Weinmeier Cultural & Historical Foundation – is requesting to lease approximately 8 acres of County property situated between the Iron Horse Trail and the County road in NE 33-59-10-W4, to develop a recreational area. Phase 1 of the project includes a park with a fish pond and camping stalls along with a biathlon range and a staging area near the Iron Horse Trail. Council suggested that the group contact the Boscombe Community Centre and Muni Corr to discuss their plans.

Westcove Park Upgrades – The upgrade to the Westcove Park is approximately 90% complete and a large portion of this project was funded by a Municipal Sponsorship Grant and a CFEP grant. Council passed a motion to pay for the portion of the project which was not funded through grants, from the Public Trust Reserve Fund. Section 672(2) of the Municipal Government Act states what a Public Trust Reserve Fund can be used for.

St. Paul Town and County Community Improvement Society – Jubilee Insurance, the County's insurance provider, has approved the St. Paul Town and County Community Improvement Society's application to be included as an additional named insured under the County's insurance policy. What this means for the Society is that they will receive their insurance at a reduced rate; however they are still responsible to pay the premium.

Library – Council approved the proposed increase from the Northern Lights Library System which increases the per capita levy from \$4.08 to \$4.33. Along with this approval, Council approved a \$3,000 increase to support the County of St. Paul Library Board, who is also affected by the per capita increase from the Northern Lights Library System.

Funding Support – Council approved funding for the following group:

- \$500 for Mallaig School for attending a Provincial Volleyball Championship in Taber
- \$500 St. Paul Bengals for attending Provincial Championship in Calgary
- \$5,000 for the St. Paul & District Ukrainian Dance Club to assist with upgrades for their dance studio

The County Office will be closed on December 27, 28 and January 3.

For more information contact
Sheila Kitz, CAO, County of St. Paul
at 780-645-3301, ext. 208.

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Krider Road

The county approved the sale of land that was purchased to complete the construction of Krider Road to two different buyers. Kent Boyd has agreed to purchase 1.76 acres of land at \$1,500 per acre, plus the costs to transfer the title. Tom Kinch offered to purchase 11.7 acres of two parcels of land near Krider Road, at a lump sum of \$10,000 for both parcels.

"There is no room to put another acreage there or nothing," said Coun. Glen Ockerman explaining that the land had very little value to anyone except the two individuals that made the offers.

County council approved a motion to sell the lands in question.

Regional Water Commission

Kitz suggested it may be useful to have a consultant meet with county council to go over the Regional Water Commission's business plan and what it means to the County of St. Paul so that councillors could make an informed decision on whether they want to have a 20 per cent allocation in the pipeline that would carry water from St. Paul to Elk Point.

"Are we thinking that we would not have an interest in it?" questioned Ockerman. "I think it is absolutely ludicrous and insane that we don't participate, if we have a line running through our municipality and we don't have access to it."

Coun. Frank Sloan echoed this sentiment, saying, "I don't know what use there is in talking about the future if you are not planning to have some control of the water."

Fodness said that at the last water committee meeting, concerns were raised about if the county was eligible for 20 per cent and how practical it would be to access water from the pipeline in the future.

"Who is going to afford to be able tap into that line?" asked Upham. "It's a gravi-

ty-fed line. There is no pressure, so for us to tap in, there would have to be a pumping station and a reservoir at every site... These connections could cost upwards of a hundred thousand per pop - how many rural residents are going to want to tie into that?"

Ockerman felt that telling developers to use cisterns instead of water lines would discourage development in the area.

Fodness noted there is already development in the county, particularly around lakes, and she is concerned with the budget and making services affordable to residents. She said that perhaps the county should instead encourage growth in hamlets like Ashmont and Mallaig.

"I am concerned that we as a county are going to spread ourselves too thin and at the end of the day, the taxpayers are going to pay," said Fodness.

Council agreed to set aside time for a future meeting with experts from both sides of the matter to discuss the issue further.

Northern Lights Library System

County council approved a 25-cent per capita levy increase to Northern Lights Library System (NLLS), bringing the total cost to \$4.33 per capita. This represents a \$1,481 increase in the County of St. Paul's funding to Northern Lights annually.

In documentation brought to the Dec. 14 council meeting, Coun. Maxine Fodness indicated there were three reasons for the increase, including an increase in fees for technical support services, a three per cent cost of living increase for employees, and an increase in maintenance contracts.

"The staff didn't take an increase the previous year so they are playing a bit of catch-up," explained Fodness.

Council also approved a corresponding \$3,000 increase in funding to the St. Paul Municipal Library, increasing the total funding from \$27,000 to \$30,000, to cover increased rates to NLLS.

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Dixie Coleman directs the Elk Point and District Community Choir in "River Song" at Friday's concert.

Community Choir delivers their glorious gift of music

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point and District Community Choir's annual gift of Christmas music was delivered by a crew of 53 singers, two directors, four pianists and one page turner on Friday night, with an excellent crowd on hand at the all-dressed-up-for-the-season Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre for the annual concert.

The choir started off with an a capella number, "Let the Music Dance," before Deanna Easthope took her place at the piano and Dixie Coleman took her place at the microphone for the solos that highlighted a 16th century Spanish lullaby, "A La Puerta del Cielo."

The next number saw Barb Buryl take over the piano bench and Coleman move to the director's podium, taking over for Udo Mueller as he tapped out the rhythm of "And the Angels Sang" on the conga drum. Mueller and Easthope were back to lead the choir in "Child of the Poor," an arrangement featuring the ladies of the choir, singing the familiar strains of "What Child is This?" The first set wound up with "Live My Life For Love" before the ladies left the stage and Mueller took over the piano to lead the men in the up-

tempo "Goin' to Bethlehem."

Mueller also had his opportunity to join in the singing, teaming up with Coleman, Sheila Hatch and Stephen Booth for "No Room at the Inn," with Easthope at the piano.

Booth was next on the program with a powerful solo of the always lovely "O Holy Night," with Mueller accompanying, while Linda Peters accompanied the next soloist, Donna Johnson in a lighthearted song of the season, "Come on, Ring Those Bells," and a musical medley by cellist Erica Spoeth.

A most entertaining duet featured Mueller declaring, "Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow!" and donning a mistletoe-equipped Santa hat, while Coleman alternated sniffs and sneezes with the lyrics, "This Snow's Gotta Go!" with Sheila Hatch accompanying.

Barb Buryl and Mabel Gottenbos led the audience in a brief carol sing, which has become a tradition with the choir. The ladies of the choir then returned with a tuneful salute to the all-time favourite Christmas decoration, caroling, "O Christmas Tree," before the men joined them for the final set of the evening.

Both Peters and Easthope were at the keyboard for the

demanding finger-work that added the dancing notes of Tchaikovsky's "Nutmcracker Suite" to "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen." Another classical favourite, J. S. Bach's Prelude in C Major" was a brilliant pairing, incorporated into "Silent Night."

Coleman directed, Mueller was back on the conga, and Caitlin Tazzer added the rhythm of the shaker to "River Song," before Mueller gave his pre-Christmas message. The choir has performed for appreciative audiences in Bonnyville, Beauvallon, Vermilion and St. Paul this season, and "found the same warmth" when they toured the British Isles this summer. One highlight of the trip was an unscheduled seven-hour stopover in Toronto, which sparked "a spontaneous rehearsal in a deserted airport" in the early morning hours, while they waited for a replacement aircraft with functioning washrooms. Mueller thanked all involved for their ongoing efforts and "for the commitment to quality perfor-

mances."

In closing, Mueller invited the crowd to snap their fingers in unison with the choir as they sang "Shine a Little Light," incorporating "This Little Light of Mine" and a solo by Booth, with Buryl at the piano.

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"What shall we do on Christmas Eve?" ECS A has plenty planned for a very busy evening as they get ready for Christmas with stockings, tinsel and baking.



A troop of monkeys liven up things at the zoo with their antics in an attempt to cheer up the zookeeper.



A fine-feathered hat from the birds, a fur coat from the cat family, and now shiny boots from the seals - what more could a zookeeper want for Christmas than to have the animals in his care show their appreciation by giving of themselves.

Zoobilee, hoedown delight

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Still the idea was a winner, and "We're going to Camrose, YEE-HAW!" caroled Mrs. Wozniak's 1Bs.

Santa was doubtful about the whole idea, but Mrs. Santa felt putting together a jamboree was something she could tackle. "Yee-Haw! is country-western for Ho! Ho! Ho!" the crew told Santa. "We're packing our rhinestones and heading for Camrose!"

They all got there in once piece, and were wowed at the thought they might meet Danny Hooper. Instead, they met super-promoter Tex Glitter and his less-glittering assistant Roadie. "With good singers and dancers and Elvis" (No! That's Elvis, not Elvis! - but he wasn't listening) he felt they only needed some horses and a headliner.

Mrs. Tkachuk's 2B stampede of reindeer thundered into town, insisting that they were indeed the horses needed for

the show. "These aren't antlers! Why should we fly? We can sing country with the rest of they guys!"

Glitter declared them "peculiar, but workable," and said he had just the girl to add some class - Dolly Holiday had time on her hands, and was willing to join the show. Mr. Hymanyk's 3Bs showed off their line dancing skills and were added to the cast, and Mrs. Richard's 4B elves, some not even sure what an Elvis was, proved they could be just as shook up as the King, thank you very much!

Still, the headliner problem loomed, until Glitter found out they all knew, and worked for, Santa. With him as headliner, "this will be the biggest event since the Easter Bunny did standup comedy on the Tommy Hunter Show." No one's sure how, but Mrs. Santa persuaded/threatened her spouse into giving it a try.

A group of youngsters questioning, "This year, will Santa come through?" were the final persuaders, and prompted Santa to "Get the show on the road, Ho! Ho! Ho! On with the show!" And what a show it was, as all six-classes came out to share the success.

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Of peace on earth, goodwill to men!

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- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



"Joy to the world, My shopping done!" caroled Elk Point Elementary's ECS B class at Thursday's concert.

More concert memories



The elves could be all shook up because Tex Glitter thinks they're Elvis, but agree they can out-Elvis the King, thank you very much.



Antlers notwithstanding, these may look like reindeer to you, but actually, they're performing horses, and all ready to hit the trail for the Ho! Ho! Hoedown and help save Santa's toyshop (not to mention their jobs) with their fundraising efforts.

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HOMIE TOWN GROCERS

St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church hosts Interfaith Cantata

Photos courtesy of Diane Cole



Angels and shepherds surround three tiny kings and an equally tiny Holy Family as the youngest performers presented their Nativity play at the cantata.



Sunshine, Christmas morning

BY PASTOR JIM MACLELLAN
Elk Point Baptist Church

The famous Christmas carol includes this stanza:

*Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light,
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth*

To the songwriter the sun rose on Christmas morning emitting beams of "redeeming grace." In the Bible a redeemer was often found in the task of delivering people from difficult circumstances. There are some instances where a redeemer was a restorer, or one who re-establishes a person from disgrace to dignity. Another use of the word redeemer invokes the idea of capture and slavery with the great news of the payment of a ransom. The word is rich and meaningful and takes on a unique portrayal of Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, the Lord. He who is all pure and all holy came to earth to "redeem".

It is only through this Jesus that we can know true deliverance, restoration and freedom. Our prayer for you is that you might awaken Christmas morning with the sunshine of redeeming grace radiating through your lives. This would be the best of gifts. Through receiving Jesus as Lord; by the acknowledgment of your need; and faith in His eternal love shown to us on Calvary's cross, we all can bask in the glow of His redeeming grace.

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*Silent thoughts,
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Wishing your absence
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Christmas comes with deep regrets
A time we shall never forget
You left a place no one can fill
We miss you and always will.*

Forever loved and cherished
by Peter and Patricia.

IN MEMORIAM

EWASIUK, Raymond
Sept. 12, 1940-Dec. 26, 2006



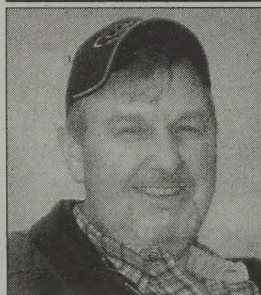
*We hear you in silence.
We see you in the open space.
We feel you in the softness
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We wipe away a lonely tear.*

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Cantata, this year hosted by St. Michael's Roman
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IN MEMORIAM

STAFFORD, Pete
Aug. 23, 1948-Dec. 25, 2006



In loving memory of a dear
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*Little did we know that day
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name.
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It broke our hearts to lose you,
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the day God called you home.
You left us peaceful memories
Your love is still our guide
And though we cannot see you
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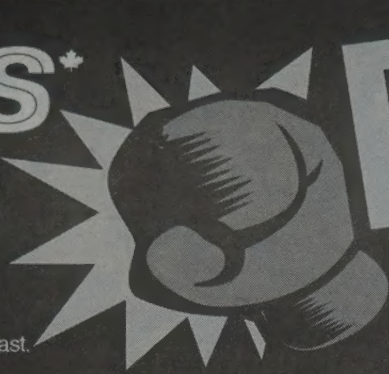
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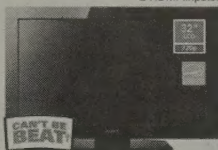
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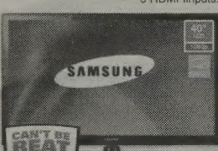
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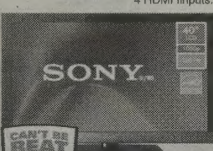
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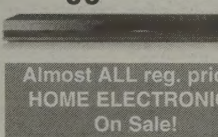
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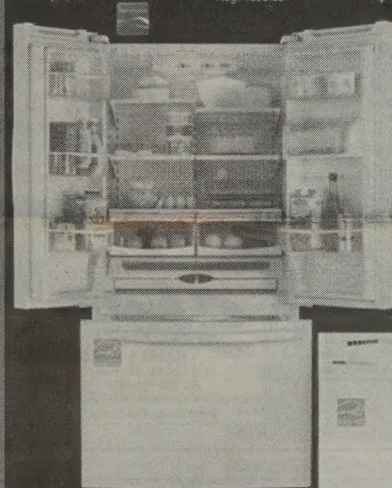
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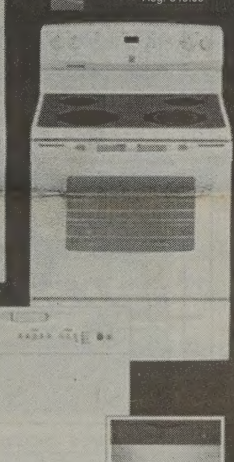
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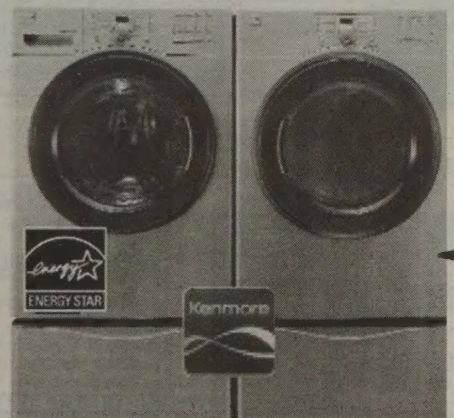
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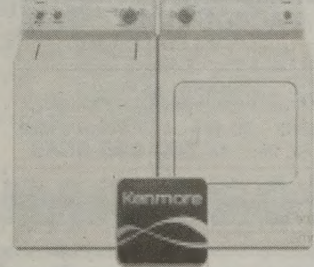
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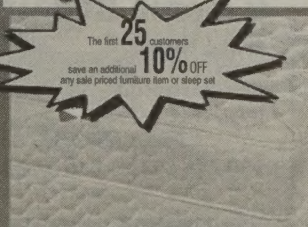
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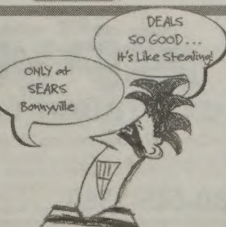
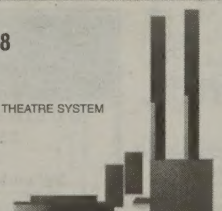
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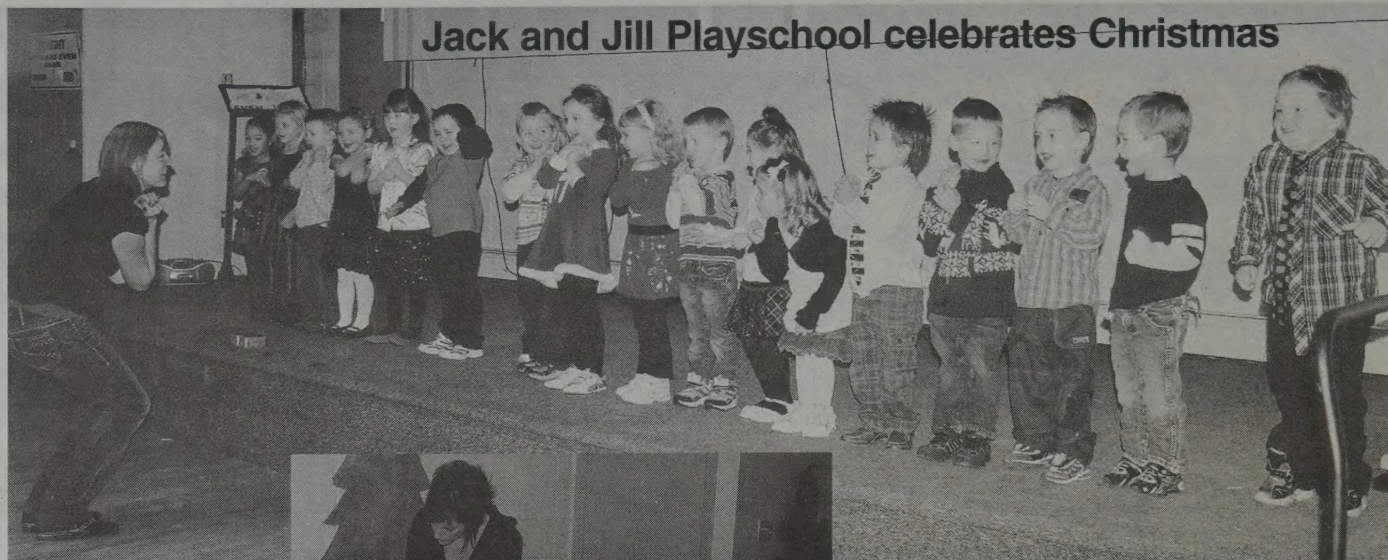
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"Twas a week before Christmas and all through the rink, the fans were so loud, you couldn't think."

This past Friday night the fans had reason to be noisy. The **Atom Avalanche** hosted the Lac La Biche Clippers, the same team that only a week ago had the Avalanche's number, but not on this Friday, not in our barn, the Avalanche clipping their wings with a big 8 to 2 win. A stellar performance by tender Garret McGillivray, he was outshot five times to one, most of the play was in his end, but he stood his ground and stoned the Clippers. Talented Alex Hunter with a hat trick, "the Big O" Brody Odgaard and Angus McFarlane lighting the lamp with two each, Kaiden "K-



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Review Sports

Rock" Evans -Anderson finding the twine with one, setup man Lyon Cueva with three helpers, big rushing D man Carson Ference also assisting on a goal.

Santa was seen in the stands scouting the Saturday afternoon game when the **Novice No. 2** team faced off against Kitscoty, end to end action that finished in a four-all tie. "Girls just want to have fun." Yeah right, tell that to Paige Henderson, who finally got the call from coach Jay Duffee to "don the goalie equipment and get ready" She was pumped in her debut, and it was really difficult to concentrated on the task at hand, smiling and waving to

her mom and dad and of course Santa in the crowd, but she did, with her stick flat on the ice, glove hand up, she made some outstanding saves. Wolke Cueva, that "Waskally Wabbit," with two goals and an assist, Conner Lychak with a goal and an assist and Flames Fan Darrian Rybchinsky with a super sweet goal and a really pretty passing play through a whole bunch of legs to send Conner on his break-away. Blue liners Devon Nazarchuk, James Kozicki and Charlie Rogal all pitching in helping out Paige.

"Dashing through the snow, the **Micro Novice Avalanche** did go, over to St. Paul, to play a little ball." OK, they played hockey, but ball rhymes better. Nice passing plays from Luke Poulin and Jaden Van Maarion who scored a hat trick each and then set up many of the others, Conner Poitras scoring not only his first goal ever, but added two more for the hat trick, first time goals ever for "Fearless" Kaden Parker, Dean "the Machine" Ockerman, "St. Nick" Penner, Chayse "Cyclone" Pankiw, Sam "the Spider-man" Rogal and Cash "CC" Capjack.

"Six sick reindeer, six sick reindeer..." Hope this never happens to Santa. The **Novice No. 1** team had to cancel their game in Vermilion on Saturday; they had six sick kids.



Just a little bit south of the North Pole, in what one shivering hockey mom called "the coldest arena ever," in Pierceland, Sask., the **St. Paul Midget B Canadiens** took on Cold Lake in a game that started a full hour late, due to the previous game running way overtime. However, the wait and the cold were worth it, the Canadiens coming home with a 6-5 win, Brandon Gamache with the tiebreaking goal with less than 30 seconds left on the clock, plus three assists, Dakota "Doc" Amyotte and Wyatt "Mad Dog" Dewan with a goal and an assist each, Danny Garrett,

Jeremy Blanchette and Dino Meger with one goal apiece and Brett "the Moose" Ockerman with two assists, including one on the winning goal. Brandon Watchmaker was in net and did an awesome job. This win was a complete team effort and the boys played very well. The team was without captain Jason Jubinville for much of the game, after he was sent out of the game five and a half minutes into the first period for a hit from behind.

A big happy birthday going out today to Jason Jenner, a former minor hockey coach, minor hockey president and contestant in the Oilmen's annual "So you think you can dance, Elk Point"

Only four more sleeps to the big day, Merry Christmas going out to everyone from the Sports Hound-Dog, "I'll have a bluuuuue Christmas without youuuuuuu!" and remember kids, be good, cause Santa's watching, and for the older kids like myself, I know we can't always be good, but be careful!

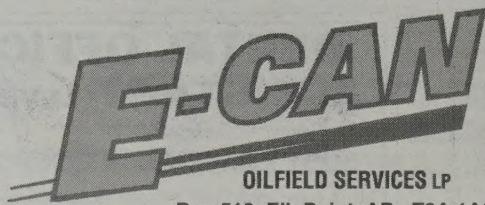
And now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week: "I never wanted to be coach of the year; I just wanted to be coach for a year." Last week's answer to: "If you keep the opposition on their butts, they don't score goals. If you want to see pretty skating, go to the Ice Capades." - Fred Shero talking about his Broad Street Bullies.

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Elks Grey Cup pool winners

Elk Point Elks Lodge reports that their Grey Cup Pool was another success, and all 900 tickets sold out rather quickly. At left, Exalted Ruler Michael Chubey (far left) presents \$100 cheques to winners of the first, second and third quarter, Glen Brown, Wendy Yarmuch and Darren Appleton. At right, Chubey presented the final score winner, Marcel Noel with his \$300 prize in Bonnyville. The Elks are grateful for the community's great support.

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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Why the Virgin birth?

BY PASTOR BILL KRYZANOWSKI
Elk Point Christian Community Church

The Christmas story is a story filled with the miraculous. The story originated with God himself. In Isaiah 7:14, "Therefore the lord himself will give you a sign, behold the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

In Luke 1: 26-38, an angel appears to Mary, and tells her in verse 31, "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a son and shall call his name Jesus."

In verse 34, Mary asks the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man." Joseph and Mary were only engaged at the time.

In verse 37, the angel answers, "For with God, nothing will be impossible!" Mary then answers, "Let it be according to your word."

So began the miraculous conception. In Matthew 1:18, the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows. After his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. She told Joseph and he had his doubts. God speaks to him in a dream.

In verse 24: "And Joseph

being aroused from sleep did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took to him his wife."

Verse 25: "And did not know her, till she had brought forth her first born son and she called his name Jesus."

Why was Jesus virgin-born? We find the answer in Romans 5:12.

The Living Bible tells us that when Adam sinned, sin entered the entire human race. His sin spread death throughout all the world. So everything began to grow old and die for all sinned. Because of Adam's sin, we all became contaminated with sin-tainted blood.

Romans 3:23 says, "For all have sinned."

In Romans 5, we see the contrast between Adam and Jesus.

The last part of verse 14: "What a contrast between Adam and Jesus Christ who was yet to come." Verse 15: "What a difference between man's sin and God's forgiveness."

"For this one man, Adam, brought death to man through his sin. But this one man, Jesus Christ brought forgiveness to many through God's mercy."

Today, this same Jesus, born of a virgin with untainted blood, offers sal-

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